

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-33, 37 and 39 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicants are canceling claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims have been added or amended. As a result, claims 21-33, 37 and 39 are pending for examination with claims 21 and 37 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 21-33, 37 and 39.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 10-15 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Eisenberg, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0188001. Without acceding to the appropriateness of the rejection and to expedite the allowance of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20. As a result, the application with claims 21-33, 37 and 39 should now be in allowable condition.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. M1103.70154US00.

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